

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A solid composition comprising oil core aphrons dispersed in a solid surfactant.
2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant comprises at least one soap.
3. (Original) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the soap is a vegetable based soap or an alkali metal salt of a fatty acid containing 12 to 18 carbon atoms in the fatty chain.
4. (Original) A composition according to claim 3 wherein the soap is sodium stearate.
5. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the surfactant comprises at least one synthetic surfactant.
6. (Original) A composition according to claim 5 wherein the synthetic surfactant is sodium cocoate, sodium tallowate, sodium palm kernelate, sodium palmitate, triethanolamine stearate, sodium cocoyl isethionate, sodium isethionate, sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate, sodium cocoglyceryl ether sulfonate or a mixture thereof.
7. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which comprises 0.1 to 20 wt% of the oil core aphrons.
8. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which also comprises water and/or an alcohol.

9. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which also comprises a glycol.

10. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the oil core comprises an oil, ester or other water insoluble liquid or a mixture thereof which confers an emollient, moisturising, cleansing, conditioning or other cosmetic, personal care or pharmaceutical benefit to the skin, hair or a fabric.

11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the oil core comprises a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin conditioner, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, a pest control agent or a physiologically active, oil-soluble component.

12. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which further comprises at least one of a further surfactant, a fragrance, a colourant, a natural or synthetic therapeutic agent, a skin conditioner, a moisturizer, an anti-bacterial or anti-fungal agent, an opacifier, an oil or fat, a sugar, a pH adjuster, a pigment, a foam builder or a pest control agent.

13. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which is in the form of a stick, tablet, bar or granules.

14. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which is a cosmetic, toiletry, household or pharmaceutical product.

15. (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 which is a soap or a syndet bar, a combar, a deodorant, an antiperspirant stick or a stain remover.